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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED 13 MAY IN PROGRAM COM-
MISSION OF 99TH SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, UNESCO

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1. ITEM 5.2.3: INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION (IBE)
DIRECTOR FERNIG OPENED DEBATE. DISCUSSION WAS GENERAL;
NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS MADE. US MADE NO INTERVENTIONS.
EXECUTIVE BOARD AGREED WITH VERBAL RECOMMENDATION OF DDG
THAT THE DG WOULD INSTRUCT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS
19TH SESSION THAT THE IBE IS A BODY "ELECTED . . .
BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE" AND THEREFORE, EXECUTIVE
BOARD 98 EX/DECISION 6.2 CONCERNING EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC
AND CULTURAL DISTRIBUTION APPLIES TO THE IBE COUNCIL.
THIS INSTRUCTION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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2. ITEM 5.2.4: ADG TANGUIANE OPENED DEBATE. IHTER-

NATIONAL BACCALAUREATE OFFICE (IBO) DIRECTOR PRESENT. ALTHOUGH MOST MEMBER STATES SUPPORTED OPTION THREE, NO CONSENSUS RESULTED FROM DEBATE. LATIN AMERICANS AND WESTERN EUROPEANS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE IMPORTANCE OF IBO'S WORK AND ITS CONTINUATION WHEREAS DEVELOPING AND EASTERN BLOC NATIONS EMPHATICALLY STATED UNESCO'S LIMITED RESOURCES SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO HIGHER PRIORITY AREAS. SOME MEMBER STATES VOICED CONCERN THAT NONE OF THE THREE OPTIONS OFFERED BY DG (DOCUMENT 99 EX/26 REV.) WERE VIABLE, I.E. (1) AND (2) TOO EXPENSIVE AND (3) IBO COULD NOT SURVIVE. US MADE NO INTERVENTION. BOARD ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESOLUTION DRAFTED BY SECRETARIAT (FOBES) NOTING THAT CERTAIN SMALL CONTRACTS COULD BE LET TO IBO FOR CURRICULA REFORM AND INVITING DG TO STUDY THE PROBLEM FURTHER AND REPORT ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT A LATER SESSION. (ALTHOUGH IN PERMDEL OPINION THIS ACTION IS SUPERIOR TO ANY OF THE DG'S THREE OPTIONS, IT MAY NOT BE PRACTICAL AS IBO CLAIMS IT HAS FUNDS TO LAST ONLY THROUGH JULY 1976.)

3. ITEM 5.2.2: ADG TANGUIANE OPENED DEBATE. ASST. SECRETARY GENERAL NARASIMHAN AND UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (UNU) VICE RECTOR KWAPONG ALSO MADE OPENING STATEMENTS. MEMBER STATES EMPHASIZED NECESSITY FOR UNU TO COMMENCE PROGRAM ACTIONS IN THE THREE SELECTED PRIORITY AREAS (DOCUMENT 99 EX/10) AS A MEANS OF COMMENCING EFFECTIVENESS AND ATTRACTING CONTRIBUTIONS. US DELEGATE KAMM MADE EXCELLENT INTERVENTION DRAWN UPON HIS BACKGROUND AS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT STRESSING POINT MADE ABOVE, NECESSITY FOR AUTONOMY OF UNU, AND PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL CONCERNING USG CONTRIBUTION. EXBD ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION (20 (US) - 0 - 4) PROPOSED BY DG PLUS ADDED PARAGRAPH 8, I.E., THE UNU WILL REPORT TO THE EXBD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN THE FUTURE. GAMMON

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